ernment. However, the National Dairy Develoment Board (NDDB) has recently been permitted to export 25,000 MTs of mustard oil out of its surplus stock procured from 'market intervention operation', to all permissible destinations for a period of 6 months from the date of issue of export licence. But no export of mustard oil has so far been made by NDDB.

Fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales in UNI

2239. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNI had categorised some senior journalists as Editors in 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Editors have been denied the Editors (Group I) pay scales prescribed for news agencies by the UNI management with effect from 1-1-1988; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure fixation of Editors in Group I pay scales by the UNI management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Payment of pay and other allowances at different rates by UNI

2240. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United News of India management is paying night shift allowance and City compensatory allowances at Class II news agency rates, while paying basic pay, D.A. and HRA at Class I rates notified by Government under the Bachawat Award;

(b) if so, whether two different classification—one for pay and another for payment of allowances are permitted under Government's orders; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure payment of Class I rates of pay and allowances to UNI employees under the Bachawat Award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The various allowances being paid to UNI employees, are those for Class II news agencies, as notified by the Government on 31st August, 1990. The scales of pay of the Non-journalists newspaper employees were upgraded in the said notification by the Government without change in their classification. Subsequently the pay scales of Working Journalists got upgraded as a result of mutual settlement between the UNI management and the employees.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase of wagons for supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station

2241. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to increase the number of Railway Wagons for the supply of coal to Vijayawada Thermal Power Station; and

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.